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Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-15 are pending in this application. Claims 8 and 10 are amended. Claim 9 is canceled. Claims 13-15 are added.

In the Office Action dated June 1, 2004, claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Wang et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,521,765. Claims 1-7 and 11-12 are allowed. Claims 9 and 10 are indicated as being allowable.

Allowed claims 1-7 and 11-12

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7 and 11-12.

Allowable claims 9-10

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 9 and 10. Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the substance of claim 9. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. Both claims 8 and 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims 13-15

New claims 13-15 have been added. Support for the language of these claims may be found, for example, in originally filed claims 11-12.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed,

accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the

Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be

withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the

outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for

allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will

expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully

requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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